

Orford 40366 – Bridge 217/112 NH Route 25A over Brackett Brook Public Informational Meeting



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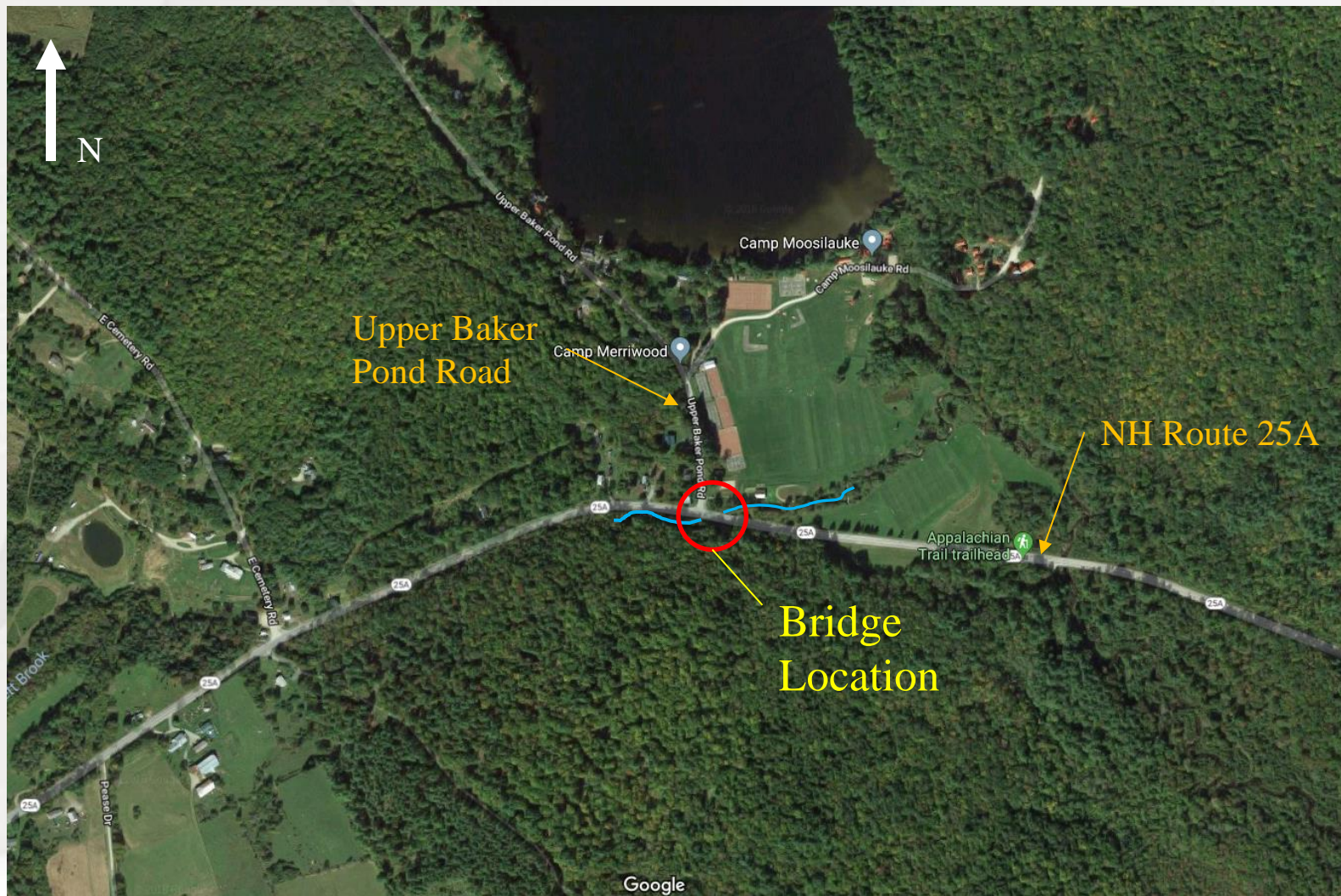
Agenda

- Status
- Project Location
- Existing Conditions
- Natural & Cultural Resources
- Alternatives Analysis
- Construction Cost & Schedule
- Questions & Comments

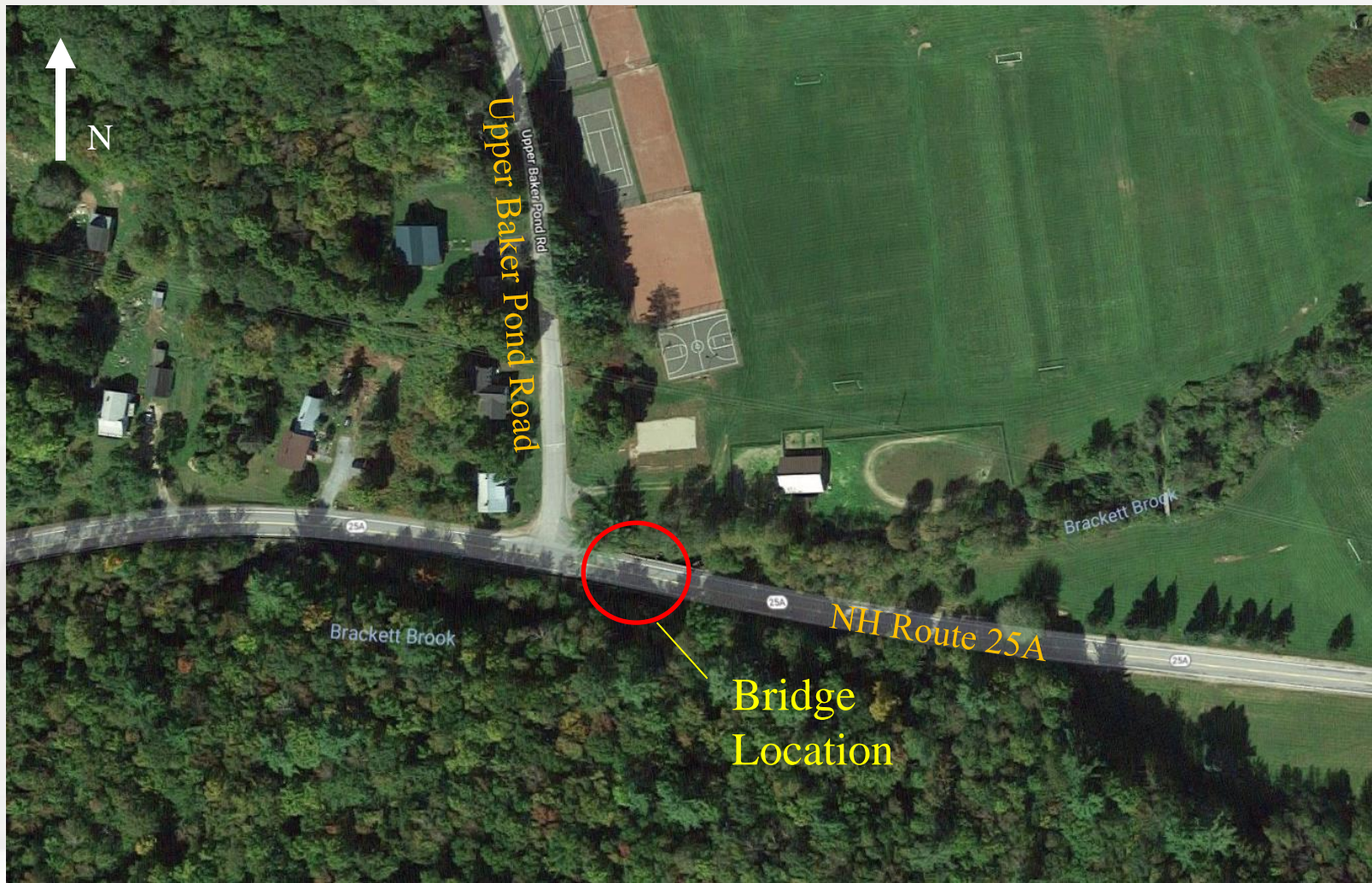
Status

- Rehabilitation Study
- Draft Type, Size, and Location Study (TS&L)
- Public Officials Meeting
- **Public Information Meeting**
- TS&L
- Preliminary Plans
- Formal Public Hearing
- Plans, Specifications, and Estimate (PS&E)
- Advertise Project
- Construction

Project Location



Project Location



Site Photos



NH Route 25A Looking East



Upstream Elevation



Downstream Elevation

Existing Bridge

- 2-span reinforced concrete slab bridge
- Built 1929, widened 1979
- NHDOT inspection report lists superstructure in “poor” condition
- NHDOT Red List since 2013
- Bridge Priority #53 (2018)
- Carries approximately 820 vehicles per day with 7% trucks
- 40 mph posted speed limit
- 54 mph 85th percentile speed
- E-2 Bridge Posting

Existing Condition



Downstream



Upstream Wall



Southeast Wingwall



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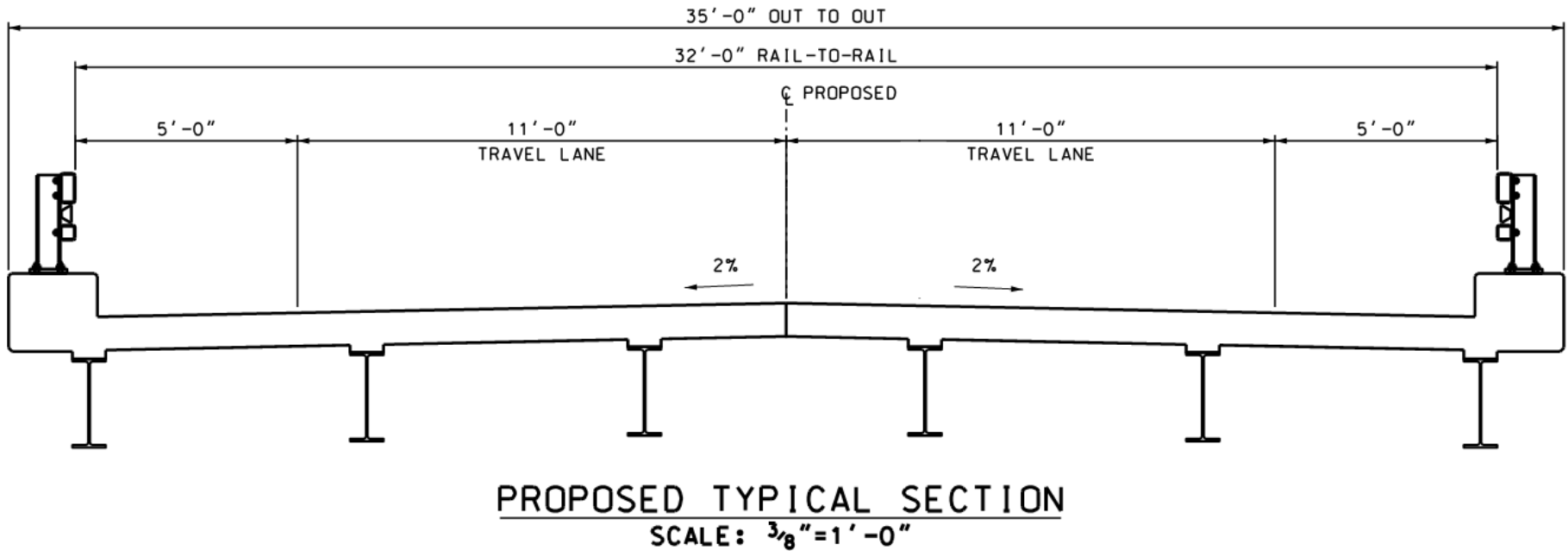
Natural & Cultural Resources

- Brackett Brook
 - “Tier 3” stream crossing
 - Major impact NHDES permit
 - Outstanding Resource Water
- Historic resources
 - Bridge determined not eligible for NR
 - Camp Merriwood
 - Potential historic resource

Alternatives Analysis

- Rehabilitation (not feasible)
 - Bridge condition & flooding concerns
- Replacement Options
 - **Phased Construction** (Preferred Option by Selectboard)
 - Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) with road closure

Replacement Bridge



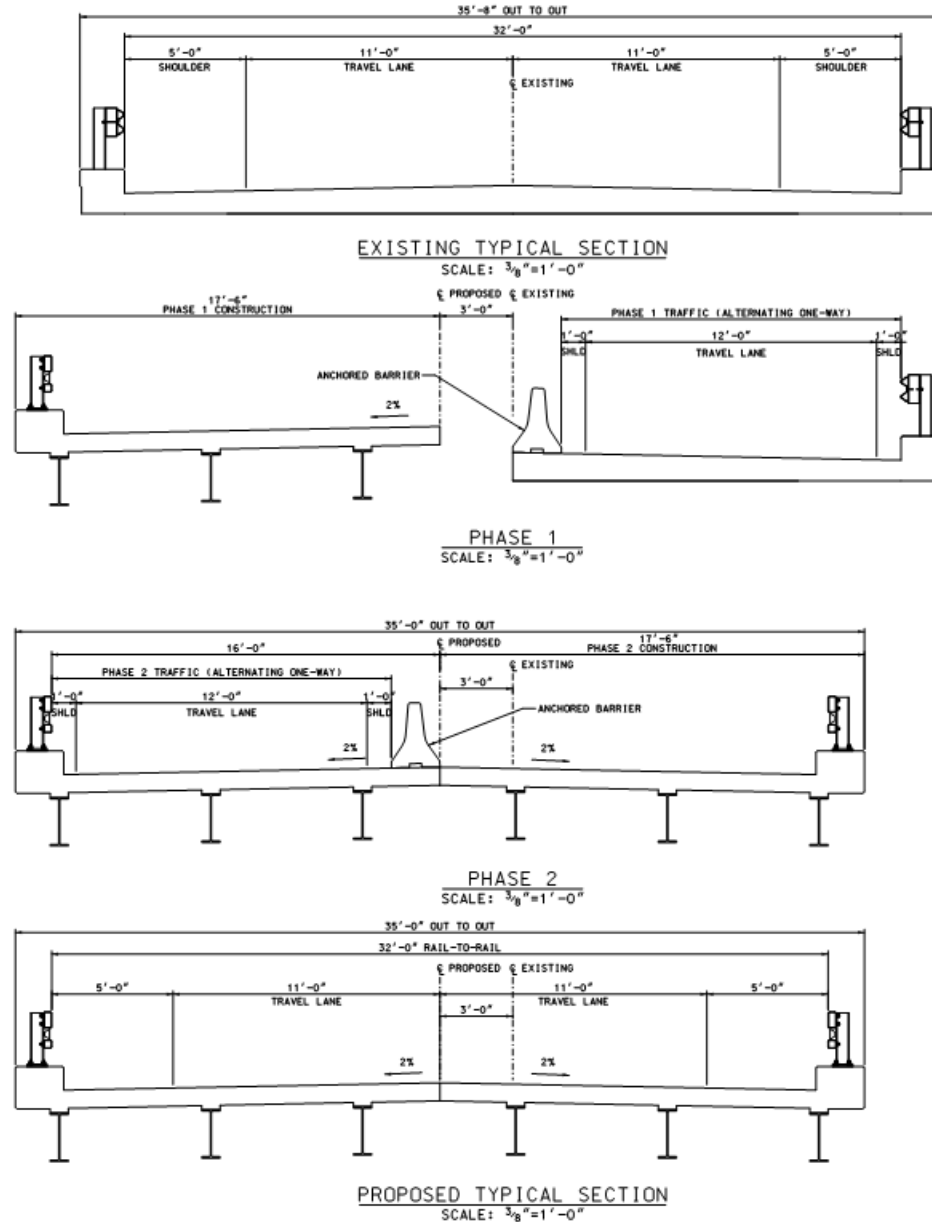
- Single span
- Steel girders with a concrete deck

Phased Construction

- Construct one half of bridge at a time
- Maintain one lane alternating traffic on NH Route 25A
- Permanent shift of road slightly to the north, towards Upper Baker Pond Road and the Camps
- Increases Right-of-Way (ROW) impacts
- Longer construction duration (~ 7 months)

Phased Construction

North
(Camps Side)



Phased Construction

Advantages

- No road closure

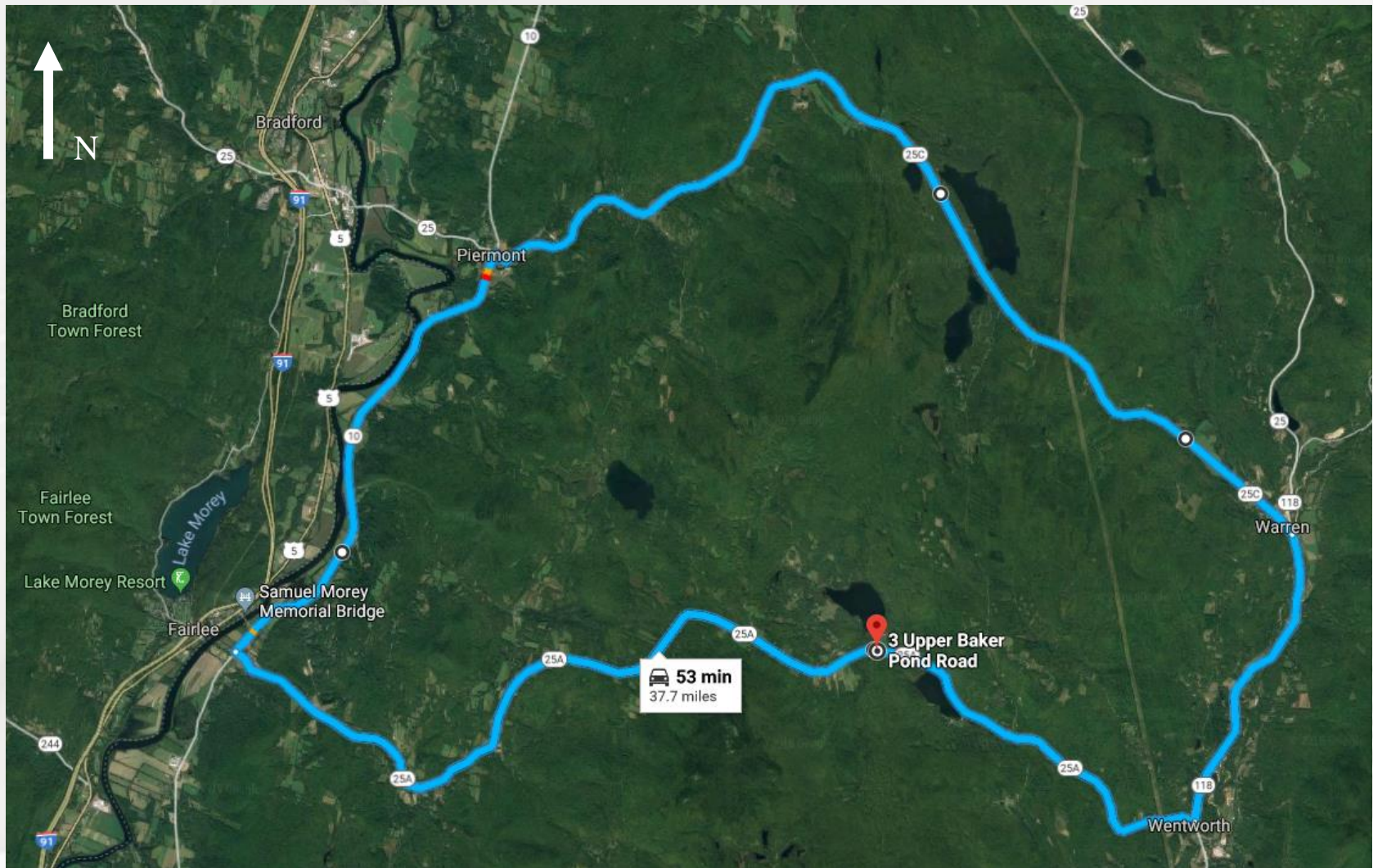
Disadvantages

- Longer construction disruption
- Increased ROW impacts
- Less desirable traffic conditions due to speed and steep grade to the west
- Additional construction cost

Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC)

- 2 month closure using Accelerated Bridge Construction
- Signed detour (state routes) about 38 miles
- Local detour about 15 miles
 - Approximately 13 additional miles to NH Route 10
 - Approximately 16 additional miles to NH Route 25
- Camps have roadway/drive access to NH Route 25A on each side of bridge

Signed Detour



Accelerated Bridge Construction

Advantages

- Minimizes ROW impacts
- Minimizes environmental impacts
- Safer
- Least amount of total construction disruption
- Lower Construction cost than Phased Construction

Disadvantages

- Road closure

Decision Matrix

	ABC	Phased Construction
Construction Duration	2 months	One construction season (7 months)
Detour	All Vehicles	None
Property Impacts	Minor ROW	Additional ROW for shifted alignment (3' north)
Community Impacts	Emergency response impacted No bus routes impacted (summer closure)	Emergency response impacted Bus routes impacted
Cost	\$2.1m	\$2.2m

Selectboard recommended Phased Construction

Next Steps

- Develop and Evaluate Bridge Alternatives
- Complete NEPA Process (National Environmental Policy Act) for Environmental Clearances
- Develop Preliminary Plans
- Public Hearing
- Develop ROW Plans
- Acquire ROW
- Develop Contract Plans and Documents
- Construction Starts in 2021

Project Schedule & Estimate

- TS&L – May 2019
 - Preliminary Plans – Summer 2019
 - Formal Public Hearing – Fall 2019
 - PS&E – 2019/2020
 - Advertise Project - 2020
 - Construction - 2021
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- Estimated Construction Cost - \$2.2 million

Questions/Comments



Thank You For Attending



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Your Input Is Needed

- Emergency response routes
- Mutual aid to/from adjacent towns
- School bus routes
- History of flooding
- Bridge construction timing
- Interaction with camps Moosilauke & Merriwood
- Other concerns